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TO : CIA-O/RR - Mr. Max F. Millikan

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SUBJECT: Distribution of Classified Material to COCOM Countries.

1. At the forthcoming negotiations on quantitative control it will be necessary to present to COCOM representatives certain classified material on Soviet bloc requirements and availabilities of commodities currently on International List II. Intelligence support for these negotiations would be seriously hampered, if the material in question could not be presented to these COCOM representatives.

2. A working paper is being prepared and will consist of a brief treatment (for each commodity on International List II) of the following topics: (a) definition and description of the item, (b) strategic uses, (c) sources of supply, (d) Soviet bloc needs and availabilities. Section (d) is based largely on OIR 5447, Vulnerability of the Soviet Bloc to Existing and Tightened Western Economic Controls, but in part is based on information collated by the Economic Analysis Division O/RR and the Division for Research on USSR and Eastern Europe, OIR. Classified material will be used only in preparing (d) and no material classified higher than SECRET will be used, directly or indirectly. The working paper will contain no source references and will be screened for statements that might be politically objectionable. Some typical examples of section (d) are attached.

3. The working paper will not be a US position paper or statement of policy, but rather a research-intelligence document intended to serve as a basis for US recommendations on the disposition of items currently subject to the interim procedure for quantitative control. In conjunction with the British and French, an agreed paper of the same sort will be prepared and this latter will be subsequently submitted to the remaining members of COCOM (Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Luxembourg, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Western Germany).

4. Permission is requested to make the US working paper available to the UK and French representatives and subsequently to other COCOM members.

Attachments:

As stated.

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